

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-05 DODE-00 /018 W  
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R 070700Z SEP 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3651

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USS HORNE SEPT 6  
REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OCLR, PP

SUBJECT: VANDALISM IN PORT MORESBY

1. SHORTLY AFTER YOUR DEPARTURE, SECRETARY TO SPEAKER OF  
PARLIAMENT CALLED TO SAY AMERICAN SEAMEN HAD BROKEN  
NATIONAL EMBLEM ON PARLIAMENT BUILDING, APPARENTLY IN VAIN  
ATTEMPT TO REMOVE IT.

2. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH PARLIAMENTARY PERSONNEL AND  
METROPOLITAN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE INDICATE THAT TWO  
SEAMEN DROVE UP WITH LOCAL GIRLS AND TRIED TO REMOVE  
EMBLEM. UNFORTUNATELY NO ONE TOOK PLATE NUMBER AND  
IDENTIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE.

3. EMBASSY HAS ASSURED GOVERNMENT THAT RESTITUTION WILL  
BE MADE. EMBLEM A RATHER ORNATE THING MADE OF FIBERGLASS.  
ASSUME NEW ONE MUST BE MADE. WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.

4. REGRET HAVING INCIDENT LAST NIGHT IN PORT MAR RECORD  
OF OTHERWISE EXEMPLARY CONDUCT OF HORNE'S OFFICERS AND MEN.

5. PRESS HAS NOT YET PICKED IT UP AND PRIME MINISTER, WITH  
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WHOM AMBASSADOR MET ON OTHER MATTERS, REACTED CALMLY,  
SAYING WITH SUCH LARGE GROUP OF SEAMEN, ONE HAS TO  
EXPECT SOME INCIDENT. NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL HAVE TO  
REPAIR OR REPLACE.

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